

Torrance, California
January 7, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, January 7, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:
Drale. The City Manager and the City Attorney were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Building Superintendent Schlens led the salute to the Flag.

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of the Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 30, 1957, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen said there were two gentlemen present from the State Compensation Fund office to make a presentation to the City.

Assistant City Manager Donald W. Mansfield introduced Messrs. Becker and Jones, saying they had brought the City a rebate which the City has earned by its excellent safety record. Mr. Mansfield, saying he was representing the employees of the City, expressed their appreciation to the Council for helping the employees to participate in this program of safety.

The rebate check, in the amount of \$8,145 was presented to Mayor Isen, with the comment that this money was brought here as an indication of the fine job being done in Torrance in the field of safety.

City Manager Stevens reported that in addition to this \$8,145.50 rebate, we were given a 15% merit rate reduction in our compensation rate. He added this means a saving to the City of quite a respectable sum.

Mayor Isen said that since this is the result of employee activity he feels that when the City was given the All America City award the employees had helped earn it; he pointed out that our City employs only about half the number of employees as the normal city of our size would have. He wanted the people to know we are doing our job with about half the usual personnel, so that means about half the usual price to begin with.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids for the Improvement of Arlington Avenue, 190th Street to 174th Street.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Contractor.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

The City Manager opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids summarized here:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>BOND:</u>	<u>BID:</u>
S. A. Cummings Corp. 821 W. Rosecrans Compton, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidder's Bond of 10% of amount bid TOTAL AMOUNT BID:	\$46,097.94
Warren-Southwest Inc. P. O. Box 419 Torrance, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidder's Bond of 10% of amount bid. TOTAL AMOUNT BID:	\$49,654.60
Sheets Construction Co. 201 E. Victoria St. Gardena, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid. TOTAL AMOUNT BID:	\$43,608.10
Oswald Bros. Co. 366 E. 58th St. Los Angeles 11 Calif.	Accompanied by Bidder's Bond of 10% of amount bid TOTAL AMOUNT BID:	\$45,785.96
Eric L. Peterson 2315 Curry St. Long Beach 5, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidder's Bond of 10% of amount bid. TOTAL AMOUNT BID:	\$54,148.55

City Attorney Remelmeyer checked the bonds furnished and found them in order.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer the bids to the City Manager for a recommendation later in the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale joined the meeting at 5:40 P. M.

HEARINGS:

South Torrance Sewer District No. 3: Hearing on Resolution No. 3359, Intention to Make Changes:

The hearing on the Resolution No. 3359, declaring the intention to change and/or modify Resolution of Intention No. 3286 for the Improvement of the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3 was opened at 5:40 P.M. Tuesday, January 7, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Mayor then announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of all written protests against the changes.

The Clerk announced there were no written protests.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present desired to be heard from the floor.

There was no reply.

All protestants having been heard and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a fair and impartial hearing having been granted and the City Council having before them full and complete information as to the changes in the proposed proceedings, the following action was taken:

Councilman Blount moved that the hearing be declared closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and duly passed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Clerk then presented Resolution No. 3385 Ordering the Changes entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, Ordering Certain Changes in the Proceedings in the Matter of the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3."

Councilman Benstead moved to waive reading this resolution in full and read the title only, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and duly carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to;

RESOLUTION NO. 3385

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING CERTAIN
CHANGES IN THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE MATTER OF
THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3:

Councilman Benstead moved that Resolution No. 3385 be passed and adopted, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and upon roll call it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Vacation of Walkway in Block "F", Tract 10303:
Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3355:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3355.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavits of Publication and of Posting of Notice.

Councilman Jahn moved these be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this matter.

There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved the vacation be granted, and the necessary ordinance be drawn.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RE: CASES NO. 470, 471, and 472, all Changes of Zone:

Mayor Isen said notices had been sent to residents in these areas as provided, but that the legal publication wasn't published properly due to the dates of publication during the recent holiday season. He said these should be postponed for a week to allow publication.

Councilman Benstead moved to continue the Hearings to January 14, 1958.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Planning Director Powell, in answer to a question, explained how this had come about because the publication dates of the newspaper were changed over Christmas and New Years.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced that the Hearings on Cases No. 470, 471, and 472 would be continued to the 14th of January, the next meeting of the Council, at 8:00 P. M.

The City Attorney advised the City Council he would check matters pertaining to this action.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A December 26, 1957, letter from M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, reported they had received requests for additional bus stop signs along Hawthorne Avenue and along 174th Street. He reported that in March, 1953, the District Engineers office of State Highways was contacted for placement of bus stop signs, and subsequently approved.

They wrote to the same office in October, 1957, he said, and requested approval of placing bus stop signs at Talisman and Hawthorne Ave., Halison and Hawthorne Ave., and 174th and Almsworth. The Division of Highways returned their request stating they needed three copies of an ordinance approved and passed by the City of Torrance establishing these bus zones.

Mr. Chamberlain requested that an ordinance be passed permitting the erection of Bus Stop signs in the City of Torrance.

The letter from Mr. Chamberlain was accompanied by a copy of a November 14, 1957, letter from the Division of Highways signed W. D. Sedgwick, District Maintenance Engineer, by F. A. Read, District Permit Engineer, in support of his statements.

Councilman Drale moved the necessary ordinances be drawn to permit the bus stops requested by Mr. Chamberlain.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

A January 3, 1958, letter from the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

1. To the League of California Cities, the sum of \$1,750 to cover the annual service charge for the calendar year of 1958.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve this recommendation from the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. To Safety Striping Service for painting street lines and signs, the sum of \$1,665.49. In order to catch up with the tremendous amount of street painting, both for protection of school children and vehicle drivers, it was necessary for the Street Department to contract with Safety Striping Service to get the job completed. This work was ordered by Ralph Perkins and enabled the Department to catch up with their work.

Councilman Jahn asked if this was all for one job.

City Manager Stevens said it covered many things in the southern part of the City. He explained we have only one machine, and this had put us into a position which would make it possible for us to keep up with the work.

Councilman Drale moved to approve this expenditure.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Mr. A. H. Bartlett recommends that the Wheeler Company be employed to furnish election supplies for the General Municipal election on April 8, 1958, and to help conduct the election. He estimates that there is in excess of 150 precincts.

Councilman Jahn asked if this Company had handled our last election. City Manager Stevens said yes.

Councilman Jahn asked that they be requested to give us a resume of what they will furnish for us and what they will do and how much they will charge us, saying he was not satisfied with the way the last election was handled.

Councilman Blount pointed out that our City Charter provides that the City Clerk will handle elections, and this is out of the hands of the Council.

The City Manager thought Councilman Jahn's request reasonable, and agreed that we should be entitled to some ideas on this.

Mayor Isen asked if there is a competing company.

The City Manager said there is another company in this business, but that the two do not compete.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Clerk's recommendation.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A January 3, 1958, letter from the City Manager read as follows:

"Subject: Additional Telephone Service

"Studies have indicated that our switchboard is overloaded at certain periods of the day. Since the telephone load is constantly increasing, some action should be taken at this time to relieve the situation.

"Attached is a study and recommendation made by the Pacific Telephone Company. The system proposed by them is used by many of the major local industries.

"An alternate solution would be to install a completely independent inter-communication system, which would relieve the switchboard of all inter-departmental calls. Such a system would necessitate a second telephone at each location where it is to be used.

"I believe that it is time for the City to order some type of inter-communication system, as the time required for the installation will be at least six months."

Mayor Isen recalled that a committee had gone into several systems and studied their relative merits before we had moved to this City Hall.

The City Manager agreed, and said it had been decided at that time to go ahead with our present facilities until they become overloaded.

Councilman Drale felt that this should be started now.

The City Manager felt the dial system would be more satisfactory than the method using two telephones. He explained that our problem is the overloading of the switchboard.

Councilman Jahn asked if we would have the room we need, and the City Manager said we have it. He explained we had provided a room for the purpose.

The City Manager said it would take about 6 months to complete any installation, so he felt the Committee should get to work on their recommendation now. He felt that he could recommend only the dial system. He pointed out that the installation would be \$300 and our monthly charge would be \$296.25 against our present rate of \$129.75.

Councilman Blount felt a thorough study should be made of the Kellogg System, saying it is used in the company he works with.

Mayor Isen suggested the Council as a whole act as Committee on this, and asked the City Manager to proceed to supply them with the material for study.

City Manager Stevens reported that the bid of the Sheets Construction Company was the low bid for the improvement of Arlington Ave. from 190th Street to 174th Street, in the amount of \$43,608.10.

Councilman Benstead moved that the bid of the Sheets Construction Company be accepted as the lowest responsible bid, and that all other bids be rejected.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A December 31, 1957, memorandum from the License Inspector recommended release of Oil Well Bond No. 21-B 49159 to the Pacific Employers Insurance Co., 1033 So. Hope St., Los Angeles. This bond is in the amount of \$500 and covers oil well known as DeWitt No. 1, South West Oilfield Service, located on Lot 51, Tract 639, at the southwest corner of 229th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

License Inspector Whitacre reported the well has been abandoned and the property cleared, and that the release of the bond has been approved by Planning Director Powell, and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A December 31, 1957, memorandum from License Inspector Gale Whitacre recommended release of Oil Well Bond No. 1496577 to the Morton & Dolley Oil Co., 809 Pacific Mutual Building, 523 W. 6th St., Los Angeles. This bond is in the amount of \$500 and covers well known as Hampshire #1, Lot 87, Tract 639, located on 230th St. between Arlington Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue.

License Inspector Whitacre reported the well was abandoned in 1956 and the property cleaned, and that a residence is now being built at the site. He reported the release of this bond had been approved by Planning Director Powell and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A January 2, 1958, letter from the American Cancer Society, 817 So. Western Avenue, Los Angeles 5, requested a free permit to solicit funds within Torrance during the month of April. This letter was signed by Walter B. Stoner, District Crusade Chairman.

A memorandum from License Inspector was appended, saying that all necessary forms are on file in his office, and therefore he recommended a free permit be granted.

Councilman Jahn moved this request be granted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 2, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, reported that due to the failure of the City to get the alley westerly of Palos Verdes Blvd. graded, and the failure on the delivery date of the pump located in El Retiro Park, he would recommend that a 45-day extension be granted on the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2. He said the extension of time is necessary mostly for paper work by the Engineering Office and not construction.

Councilman Drale moved the 45 day extension be granted on Hollywood Rivier Sewer District No. 2.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 24148 (Resubmitted)-R. A. Watt Const. Co.

A Letter of Transmittal from the Engineering Dept. for approval of Tentative Tract No. 24148, located along 180th and 181st St., westerly of Doty Avenue and northerly of 182nd St., was accompanied by:

- a. Dec. 24, 1957, letter from G. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitting that Commission's stipulations for approval;
- b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Oct. 16, 1957;

- c. Flood hazard report from L. A. County Flood Control District;
- d. Letter from Torrance Municipal Water Dist. #3, reporting this tract to be within our service area and we will serve it.
- e. August 20, 1957, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., saying there will not be a drainage problem in the tract and that sewers are available, and sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, etc., will be constructed in accordance with the subdivision ordinance.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Tract 24148 with the stipulations shown.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead said he had voted against approval of this tract because of the size of the lots.

3. REQUEST FOR VACATION OF ALLEY (Felker Mfg. Co.)

A January 3, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a copy of a January 3, 1958 letter from the Felker Mfg. Co. requesting that a 15' strip along the alley at the rear of their property be vacated to expedite their proposed improvements.

Mr. Patrick's letter reported that portion of the alley southerly of the 15' strip has been vacated to Mullins Ave., one portion in 1951 and the second portion adjacent to Mullins Ave. in 1957.

Mr. Patrick said the Engineering office can see no reason why this 15' strip should not be vacated.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to begin the necessary proceedings for vacation of this 15' strip.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. RELOCATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL:

A January 2, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, recommended appropriation of \$600 for the relocation of the traffic signal at the south west corner of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Yukon Avenue. Mr. Patrick said when the improvements went in on the corner, the signals was left in the street and should be back of the curbs.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. In a letter dated January 2, 1958, the City Attorney gave the City Council a report on newspaper stands throughout the city, as they had requested him to do at their meeting of December 10, 1957. The City Attorney recommended that the Council direct Mr. Whitacre, the License Inspector, to send a letter to each of the newspapers owning or operating such coin slot and/or coin operated news stands in the City instructing them that they are trespassing on public property and that in order to continue operating said stands they must have the permission of the Council. He said that then the Council could determine which stands will be permitted on the sidewalks and the conditions under which such permission will be granted.

Mayor Isen thought such stands are a convenience to the public.

Councilman Benstead asked who would be responsible if such a stand, on public property, contributed in any way to a personal injury.

Councilman Jahn thought they should be licensed and that the owners and/or operators should insure the city against any responsibility.

The City Attorney said the newspapers carry business licenses if they are in business here in the City. He thought an informal procedure might be set up requiring them to get permission from the Council for the newspaper stands and insure the City.

Mayor Isen asked if this could be done under our present procedures.

The City Attorney said we would have to amend our licensing ordinance to do that.

License Inspector Whitacre reported that only our local newspapers, i.e., the Torrance Herald, Independent Press Telegram, and Torrance Press, are licensed at the present time.

Councilman Blount asked what other cities do, and requested the City Attorney to get that information for the Council.

Councilman Blount moved to hold this over until the next meeting of the Council for this information.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The City Attorney requested that a Resolution giving notice of proposed annexation of certain territory to the City of Torrance, designated by the name of 'Howard Industrial Addition to the City of Torrance', and setting a time and place for the hearing of protests thereon, be postponed.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3381

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LEASE BY AND BETWEEN CABRILLO REALTY CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS LESSEE, FOR OFF-STREET PARKING.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead asked if there will be parking meters on the property.

Mayor Isen told him that there are already meters there.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3381.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Draile, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3382

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN EASEMENT DEED FROM PUBLIX TITLE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT WITH SAID PUBLIX TITLE COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING AND PAVING OF PRAIRIE AVENUE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3382.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount asked if we had contact the owner of the last piece of property needed along there.

The City Attorney said the agreement with the property owner in question is under consideration.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3383

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CERTAIN CITIES IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A DISASTER COUNCIL.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney replied to a question by saying this was here at the request of Mr. George Powell.

Councilman Drale asked if we have been operating as outlined in the resolution.

Mr. Powell said we have since July 1, 1957. He reported that this is a budget item, approved at the time of the preparation of the last budget. The Director of Civil Defense for the area has his office in the basement of this building, and maintains liaison between all cities in 'Area G'. He said this made for much more satisfactory administration of Civil Defense in the area.

Councilman Drale asked if the other cities have complied with the agreement, and Mr. Powell said they have.

Councilman Blount asked if the job of 'Coordinator' had existed in the past, and Mr. Powell said it had existed since July of 1956.

Mr. Powell said he would get the Minutes having to do with this together and present them to the Council if they wished.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3383.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and failed to carry by the following vote: **AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Isen.**

Mayor Isen announced he had abstained in order to wait to vote on this measure until full information on the matter is presented to the Council, and saying he would like for the agreement to clearly stipulate that the agreement could be terminated as of a certain date.

Councilman Benstead said he wanted to know more about this before he voted 'yes' on it.

Councilman Jahn said he had voted no on this before, and for the same reason, namely, that the man is on a salary and the job had been done before by people who performed the work in their spare time, and he felt this only created a job.

Mayor Isen said he would abstain from voting on this for a week, and that he would like to have it back at the next meeting of the Council with a definite termination date shown.

Mr. Powell said he would see that this is here.

ORDINANCES:

1. A cover letter dated January 2, 1958, from City Attorney S. E. Remelmeyer, submitted for the Council's consideration a proposed ordinance eliminating the prohibition against bowling by minors and reducing the age limit at which minors may play pool or billiards.

The City Attorney recalled that this ordinance was drafted pursuant to a request by Mr. Schreiber, owner of the Bowl-O-Drome, and was approved by Chief Bennett.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 927

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 18.16 AND 18.17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," RELATING TO POOLROOMS, BILLIARD HALLS AND BOWLING ALLEYS, THE HOURS OF OPERATION THEREOF AND THE PLAYING OF MINORS THEREAT: AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 927 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A January 2, 1958, letter from City Clerk A. H. Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 925, relating to adding sections to Chapter 1 of the Code of the City of Torrance. Clerk Bartlett reported that at the regular meeting of the Council held December 30, 1957, this Ordinance had been introduced and adopted at its first reading by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 925

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 1 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SAID CODE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 925.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 925 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Attorney reported that Assemblyman Thomas had written to him saying he would present our Charter Amendments at the February 3, 1958, meeting of the Assembly.

The City Attorney suggested that the Council direct the Planning Commission to begin proceedings to rezone the Triangle to C-4, as agreed.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney reported that during the last meeting of the Council he had been directed to ascertain whether or not an employee could be retained by the City with his salary to begin at the second step of the three-step pay range. He has checked and found no prohibition against it, so he believes the Council may do so if they wish.

Councilman Benstead did not agree that this could be done, and felt everyone coming to work for the City should begin at the lowest pay step for the job.

The City Attorney said there is nothing to prohibit it at the present time if the Council wishes to appoint an employee at the second step. He said he could prepare such a provision if the Council wished him to do so.

The Council seemed to feel that it would be better to leave the Civil Service Rules as they are.

The City Attorney reported that the State Legislature has passed a law requiring a much higher bond for used car dealers than we require, and therefore, our ordinance is void. He believed we should repeal that provision of our ordinance requiring such a bond.

Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney proceed with this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Blount asked if voiding this provision voids any zoning matters governing used car dealers, and the City Attorney said it did not.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney reported the License Inspector had collected a \$50 license fee from a bail bond broker. He said there is a case in point in which the Court of Appeals has ruled that bail bond brokers are exempt; therefore, he said, Mr. Whitacre should be authorized to return the fee.

Mr. Whitacre said he had collected this fee in the face of the Court's decision because there is a provision of the licensing ordinance requiring it.

The name of the bail bond broker in question, and his address, is Harry Simmons, at 1526 Cravens.

The Council discussed this at some length.

Councilman Jahn moved the fee be refunded to Mr. Simmons.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, on the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved that the pertinent section of our ordinance be repealed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount said the Council had received for information a letter from Mr. Robert B. Hilborn regarding his application for the job as Airport Superintendent at the Torrance Airport. Councilman Blount believed Mr. Hilborn to be qualified for the job, and said this is a hardship case such as the Council has discussed.

Councilman Jahn agreed, saying when they considered the requirements he had made a motion that one of the qualifications be that the Airport Manager hold, or have held in the past, a commercial license. It was in his mind at that time that the Airport Manager should have experience that would qualify him for such a license. Many men in the Armed Services had experience which would have qualified them for such a license, but failed to get one for some reason. Councilman Jahn said

there are two other letters in the files of the Civil Service Board similar to this which fall into the same category.

Councilman Jahn moved the Civil Service Board re-instate the applications which show that the applicant, while in the Armed Service, held a position as either a pilot or a navigator, and allow those men to take the examination.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager to be sure the Civil Service Board, which meets Wednesday, January 8, 1958, is notified of this action.

The City Manager said he would do so.

Mayor Isen referred to another letter sent to the Council for the purpose of information, and said the writer complained of the fact that her neighbor maintained about 20 cats. He asked if the City Attorney had proceeded with an ordinance governing the care of cats in the City.

The City Attorney said he had received some material on it but has not begun work on the ordinance.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to reply to the letter he had mentioned here, telling Mrs. Bailey, who wrote the letter, what has been done.

Mayor Isen reported a number of vacancies about to arise on various Commissions, and said he was prepared to **make appointments** to fill them.

Mayor Isen re-appointed Mrs. ^{Norma} ~~Norma~~ McVey, whose term on the Park & Recreation Commission expired December 21, 1957, to that Commission.

Upon being polled, all members of the Council approved the re-appointment with the exception of Councilman Drale.

Councilman Drale said he would vote against any such appointments not because he did not approve of the appointee, but because it has been the custom in the past to discuss appointments with the Council before they are made. He said he did not like appointments being made unless the Council had been consulted.

Mayor Isen re-appointed Mr. Ralph Morris to the Park & Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of his term on December 21, 1957.

Upon being polled, the Council approved the appointment, with the exceptions of Councilmen Blount and Drale, both of whom gave their reasons as stated by Councilman Drale previously.

Mayor Isen re-appointed Thirvin Fleetwood to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of his term on January 11, 1958.

The Council approved the appointment, with the exception of Councilmen Blount and Drale, who gave their reason as previously stated by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen re-appointed Mr. Lawrence Wing to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of his term on January 11, 1958.

The Council approved the appointment, with the exception of Councilmen Blount and Drale, who gave their reason as previously stated by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen appointed Mr. J. A. Beasley to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Commander William Mason on January 11, 1958.

The Council approved the appointment, with the exception of Councilmen Blount and Drale, who gave their reason as before.

Councilman Drale felt that Commander Mason should be re-appointed to the Commission, saying he has worked very hard for the City.

It was explained that Commander Mason does not want to be re-appointed.

Councilman Drale moved that a letter be sent to Commander William Mason, USN(Ret) telling him of the City's gratitude for his work.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn felt that this letter should express more than thanks to the Commander, who has devoted a great deal of time and conscientious effort to being a good Planning Commissioner.

Mr. John G. L. Crain, 3753 W. 171st St., Torrance, President of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, asked the Council if any action had been taken on a request from their Association that the Traffic Engineer retained by the City make a traffic survey in North Torrance.

Mayor Isen explained to Mr. Crain that Mr. Dorsey had been retained to make a study of the parking situation in downtown Torrance and his salary had been paid from the Parking Meter funds.

Mayor Isen said the letter to which Mr. Crain referred had been sent to the Traffic Commission in connection with a City-wide study of traffic conditions.

Councilman Blount, speaking for the Traffic Commission, said they have asked the Traffic Bureau of the Police Department to make a survey of the different sections of our City, and that the survey will come to the Council for their consideration and approval.

Mr. J. A. Beasley asked to be heard, and thanked the Council for his re-appointment as a Planning Commissioner, and said he hoped he could merit the honor.

Mayor Isen said he had felt it to be only right that Mr. Beasley be re-appointed.

Councilman Drale moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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